



**2ND ACE NATIONAL OPEN  
TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

Dear Instructors,

On behalf of ACE Taekwon-Do, it is with great pleasure and excitement that we invite you and your students to participate in our second **ACE National Open Tournament**.

**When:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Where:** [Pinnacle College Linden](#), cnr 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Linden

<b>Time:</b>	Registration	7-8am
	Umpire Meeting	8-8:30
	Opening Ceremony	8:30
	Tournament Commences	9am

**Cost:** R420 per entry

Entries close on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

**No entries on day of tournament!!!**

**RSVP & Payment:**

Instructors to please send their Dojang entries on the attached spreadsheet, together with Proof of Payment to [byongaetkd@yahoo.co.za](mailto:byongaetkd@yahoo.co.za)

Account Name: Sonya Rebelo (Savings)

Account Number: 9118211320

Bank: Absa

Branch Number: 631005

Reference: "Club Name" Reg Fee

## General:

All events will be open from 10<sup>th</sup> Kup (white belt) to 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belts. It is open to all students, from all organizations, aged 7 and up. Bracketing will be done according to the Tournament Directors' discretion, as per ACE rules. (4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Degree competitors will be allowed to compete with their International Instructor stripes and epaulettes)

Once a competitor has been announced, a maximum of 2 minutes will be allowed for a competitor to appear in the ring before disqualification.

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded at the end of each category/division.

## 3 Punch Rule

Although not expressly stated in the rules, we will encourage all Umpires, competitors to abide by this rule, in that 3 punches must be followed by a kick.

The reason for this is to ensure we maintain a level of control in sparring matches as well as improve the spectacle of the bouts.

## Referees, Judges and Umpires:

Minimum of 1 Black Belt per 7 entries, per club, to act as above.

Clubs are to have dedicated coaches, who are not umpires, to ensure rings run smoothly.

Umpire Attire: White trainers, formal navy blue/black trousers, white long sleeved shirt and navy blue tie. Navy blue blazer is optional.

Coach Attire: Club tracksuits or Dobok pants with club shirt. No Umpire uniform allowed for coaches.

## Categories:

Patterns

Sparring

## FGMR Challenge

**Patterns:** 10<sup>th</sup> Kup to 1<sup>st</sup> Kup – Preliminary round consists of 1 optional pattern.

Final round consists of 2 patterns, both optional.

Black Belts – Preliminary and Final rounds consist of 2 patterns, 1 optional and 1 designated.

<b>Belt Divisions:</b>	Beginner	-	10 <sup>th</sup> Kup to 8 <sup>th</sup> Kup
	Novice	-	7 <sup>th</sup> Kup to 4 <sup>th</sup> Kup
	Intermediate	-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kup to 1 <sup>st</sup> Kup
	Advanced	-	1 <sup>st</sup> Dan and above

## **Sparring:**

Full sparring gear is compulsory, including mouth and shin guards (**groin guards males**)

Juniors and Leopards - head gear compulsory, body guard optional

Adults and Veterans - head gear optional

Females – Optional chest guards

**All groin, shin and chest guards to be worn underneath Dobok, and not visible.**

**Juniors, Adults:** Elimination rounds will consist of 1 x 2 minute round.

Final rounds will consist of 2 x 2 minute rounds.

**Leopards & Veterans:** Elimination rounds will consist of 1 x 1.5 minute round.

Final round will consist of 2 x 1.5 minute round.

**Black Belts:** 2 rounds per elimination round.

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## **Weight Divisions:**

### **Leopards Age Group with provisional Weight Divisions –**

NB Division of weight categories may differ depending on entries

If a student aged between 4 and 11 years old weighs more than 10kg heavier than their competitor, they will be moved to a higher age group without the confirmation of their Instructor. This is for the safety of the students.

7 to 8 years: -35kg & +35kg (Max 45kg)

8 to 9 years: -40kg & +40kg (Max 50kg)

10 to 11 years: -50kg & +50kg (Max 55kg)

12 to 13 years: -55kg & +55kg

### **Junior Weight Divisions –**

Male 14 to 15 years:

45kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, -70kg, +70kg

Male 16 to 17 years:

45kg, -51kg, -57kg, -63kg, -69kg, -75kg, +75kg

Female 14 to 15 years:

40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -55kg, -60kg, -65kg, +65

Female 16 to 17 years:

40kg, -46kg, -52kg, -58kg, -64kg, -70kg, +70kg

### **Adults Weight Divisions-**

Male

52kg, -58kg, -64kg, -71kg, -78kg, -85kg, -92kg, +92kg

Female

47kg, -52kg, -57kg, -62kg, -67kg, -72kg, -77kg, +77kg

### **Veteran Weight Divisions-**

Male (silver and gold divisions)

-64kg, -73kg, -80kg, -90kg, +90

Female (silver and gold divisions)

-54kg, -61kg, -68kg, -75kg, +75kg

### **PIONEER RHEE KI HA CHALLENGE**

Perform a flying two direction (twisting, side piercing) and hit two pads.

The person who is successful at kicking both pads at the same time, at the highest height will be the winner. Correct attacking tools must be used.

**This challenge is only open to senior Black Belts.**

### Results:

- Any competitor, who wants to make protest a decision, must do this through their officially appointed representative.
- The Protest Fee is R200 and must accompany the official Protest Form. Should the Protest be valid, the fee will be refunded to the representative, who must approach the Jury President.
- The protest must be finalised before the relevant competitors may continue to participate.
- **No one has the authority to modify any results, only by the approval of the Tournament Director, who must be summoned to determine and make the final decision and/or correction. Jury President MUST summon a Tournament Director in order to modify/change any results.**
- The Tournament Organisers and Directors' decision in any contest is final. No changes will be considered afterwards.

### Venue/Catering:

Neither the Event Organisers, Pinnacle College Linden, their management or staff will be held liable for any losses or injuries whatsoever whilst making use of any of the facilities.

There will be Tuck-Shop facilities for all your tasty treats and refreshment needs.

### Security:

The school provides its own security. Parking for the event is on site, and there are security guards posted at the entrance.

**Indemnity:** *Please see end of Invitation for Competition Entry and Indemnity Form.*

- As Taekwon-Do is a contact sport, all participants enter at their own risk. Neither the tournament organisers, nor ACE Taekwon-Do can be held responsible for any risk or injury sustained during the tournament, regardless of its circumstances.
- Paramedics will be on duty during the tournament, should immediate medical attention be required. Any further medical attention required remains the sole responsibility of the participant/their parent/guardian.
- The participants are required to complete the attached Indemnity Form and submit it during registration on the day.

The Event Organisers look forward to your feedback and submissions.

*Should you have any queries whatsoever, please feel free to contact:*

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